Fact Sheet FLORIDA ASSUMPTION OF STATE 404 PROGRAM

Geographic summary

States: Florida

Tribes: Catawba Indian Nation, Choctaw Band of Mississippi Indians, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Logistics

Regional Office headquarters: 61 Forsyth St., SW Atlanta, GA

Geographic office: Gulf of Mexico Division in Gulfport, MS (also supports Region 6)

Laboratory: Athens, GA

Staff: Approximately 865 FTE

Top environmental priorities and challenges

- On August 20, 2020, the EPA received a complete package from the State of Florida requesting authorization to assume the CWA Section 404 program.
- The EPA is required to take action on the State's request within 120 days (i.e., by 12/17/2020).
- A notice in the Federal Register was issued on 9/16/2020, that opened a 45-day comment period that will end on November 2, 2020.
- The EPA will conduct virtual public hearings that will be held on October 21 and 27, 2020.
- The EPA is reviewing the State's request, consistent with the requirements of CWA Section 404(g) and in coordination/consultation with other government offices.
- EPA officially opened a 45-day public comment period on 9/16/2020, providing notice of the EPA's receipt of a complete package from the State; virtual public hearings to be held on 10/21/2020 and 10/27/2020, and EPA's solicitation of comments on NHPA consultation.